

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 8, 11, 18, 19 and 22-28 have been examined. Claims 22 and 29 - 35 are pending as claims 1-21 and 23-28 are canceled and new claims 29 - 35 are hereby added by this amendment. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 18-20 and 23-28 are hereby canceled by this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections

(1) The Examiner rejected new claims 22-23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Inokoshi et al. (JP 02-1327831; hereinafter "Inokoshi").

(2) The Examiner rejected new claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asakura et al. (US 5,808, 260; hereinafter "Asakura") in view of the routine optimization of a result effective variable.

(3) The Examiner rejected new claims 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inokoshi in view of JP 60-50079 (hereinafter "JP '079").

(4) The Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asakura in view an alleged routing duplication of parts.

(5) The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asakura in view of Inokoshi.

(6) Claims 8 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asakura in view of Inokoshi, in further view of JP '079.

(7) Claims 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozai (US 2003/0065625) in view of Inokoshi.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejections (1) - (7), as listed above, are moot in regard to the cancelled claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 18-20 and 23-28.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected new claims 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Inokoshi et al. (JP 02-1327831; hereinafter "Inokoshi").

Claim 22 recites, *inter alia*, pressing an end portion of a round conductive wire to form a pair of opposing flat surfaces in the end portion; and setting the end portion of the round conductive wire on a flat contact of a connector such that one of the flat surfaces of the round conductive wire come in contact with the flat contact.

In the rejection, the Examiner contends that Inokoshi discloses a method for connecting a round wire (2) to a flat contact of a connector by setting an end portion of a single round conductive wire (2) on a flat contact (1).

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that because claim 22 recites one of the flat surfaces of the round conductive wire, formed by pressing, is placed in contact with the flat contact, and Inokoshi discloses that only an end portion of a single round conductive wire is disposed on the flat contact rather than the flat surfaces of an end portion, Inokoshi fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 22.

Thus, Applicants submit claim 22 is allowable for at least this reason.

New Claims

New claims 29-35 are hereby added by this Amendment and submitted to allowable by virtue of the features recited therein.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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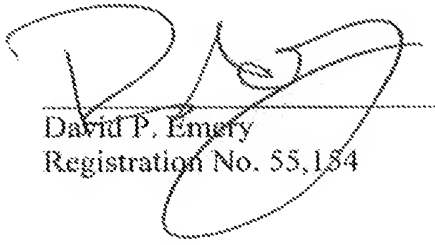
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